

Tenure of top bureaucrats

187. SHRIAMAR SINGH:
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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to fix tenures of certain top bureaucrats notwithstanding their superannuation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had received any protest from other senior officers against the fixed tenures of few officials; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the rule 16 of the All India Service (Death-cum-Retirement Benefits) Rules, 1958 has been amended to provide for extension of service in public interest for a period deemed proper not exceeding two years for the incumbents of the posts of the Defence Secretary, Home Secretary, Director, Intelligence Bureau, Secretary, Research and Analysis Wing and Director, Central Bureau of Investigation and not exceeding three years in the case of the Cabinet Secretary, on a case to case basis.

Further for the post of Chief Secretary, extension of service for a period not exceeding six months may be given in public interest on the recommendations made by the concerned State Government with the prior approval of the Central Government.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Apathy towards 'Right to Information'

†188. SHRIMATI MAYASINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government departments are not letting the public to take the benefit of 'Right to Information';

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(b) the number of complaints Government received during 2006 in this regard; and

(c) the number of officials punished for showing negligence in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The information is not centrally maintained.

Report on complaints received from whistle blowers

189. SHRI MOTIUR RA.HMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether CVC has been asked by the Supreme Court to prepare a report on the number of complaints received by it directly or otherwise from whistle blowers, etc. and the action taken thereon;

(b) if so, whether CVC has prepared the report and submitted the same to Supreme Court giving details thereof;

(c) whether the CBI conducted verification of contractors who were engaged in NHAI work at the time of Dubey's tenure and if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) whether fingers have been raised on the shoddy probes conducted by CBI or to hush up the matters and if so, the details of such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) As per information provided by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), the Hon'ble Supreme Court *vide* its order dated 20.9.2006 had directed the CVC to submit a report on the progress made after the notification of the Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informer Resolution (commonly known as the Whistle Blower Resolution) regarding the number of complaints received and action taken. Accordingly, the CVC submitted the report to Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on 07.11.2006.

(c) Yes, Sir. As per information provided by the CBI, a case was registered on 26.9.2004 on information which became available during